

Unapproved
SPECIAL MEETING
JUNE 24, 2015

The Wethersfield Town Council held a special meeting on Wednesday, June 24, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 505 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield.

Present: Councilors Hurley, Kotkin, Martino, Roberts, Deputy Mayor Barry, and Chairperson Montinieri. Absent: Councilors Hemmann, Manousos, Rell

Also present: Christine Fortunato, Chairperson WHS Building Committee, Michael Emmett, Superintendent of Schools, Keith Rafaniello, Director of Technology, Fred Bushey, School Facilities Maintenance, Mike Turner, Town Engineer, Jeff Bridges, Town Manager, and Dolores Sassano, Town Clerk.

Deputy Mayor Barry led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Chairperson Montinieri stated the purpose of the special meeting was to keep the Wethersfield High School renovations moving forward. Council will be asked to award bids for renovation furniture and technology purchases, using the State of CT DAS bid and to approve change orders for the project to be ready for fall.

Mayor Montinieri called on Keith Rafaniello, to address the Council with his recommendations, approved by the Wethersfield High School Building Committee, for computers, classroom projectors and furniture for the cafeteria.

Mr. Rafaniello explained that these are thirty (30) ThinkCentre M73 laptops. These computers will be in each of the classrooms coming online this fall. Not all may be online in September but the vendor will store them and bring them as soon as the rooms are complete.

Deputy Mayor Barry motioned, "TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF THE LENOVO COMPUTERS FOR WETHERSFIELD HIGH SCHOOL PER QUOTE #4280161611 FOR \$18,600" seconded by Councilor Kotkin.

All Councilor present, including the Chairman, vote unanimously, AYE. Motion passed 6-0-0.

Mr. Rafaniello discussed how these seventy two (72) projectors with cabling and accessories are for all the classrooms and classroom/labs. They have had a few set up already and everyone thought the system worked well. The projectors allow them use the ThinkCentre M73 computers located in a more central area rather than each individual room.

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Deputy Mayor Barry motioned, "TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF THE CLASSROOM PROJECTORS PER VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS PROPOSAL #V-11323-0 FOR \$241,058.88" seconded by Councilor Kotkin.

All Councilor present, including the Chairman, vote unanimously, AYE. Motion passed 6-0-0.

Deputy Mayor Barry motioned, "TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF THE CAFETERIA FURNITURE PER QUOTATION #8088204 FROM VIRCO FOR \$67,983.42" seconded by Councilor Kotkin.

Chairperson Montinieri called on Mr. Bushey to explain the next items to be addressed. He split his package for kitchen and cafeteria. Mr. Bushey explained he is just seeking approval of cafeteria furniture to allow the kitchen to be ready for the fall opening of school. He will be back for another purchase under phase 3.

Councilor Hurley commented while this was under budget, other items have been over. He wanted to know when they will receive an estimate as to where they are on costs.

Town Manager Bridges stated that once the summer is over, they will have a better idea, since they will have well over 60 people working on the facility. As of today they are not over, it is 60% complete; the auditorium will be open on December 18. Two thirds of the site work will be done by summer's end.

Mr. Emmett stated they needed the kitchen to be completed; they had been serving box lunches but will have to move to another area for children to eat them if the cafeteria is not completed.

Chairperson Fortunato stated the budget is fluid at this stage; they are looking at allowances and grant money to put money back into contingency.

Mr. Turner, Chief Engineer for Town, stated contingency is \$480,000 but with allowances, because they consider "wish list" on that list, it would be 1.2M.

All Councilor present, including the Chairman, vote unanimously, AYE. Motion passed 6-0-0.

Deputy Mayor Barry motioned, "PROPOSED CHANGE ORDER #390 L&P GATES: STRUCTURAL STEEL FOR THE CAFETERIA WALL" seconded by Councilor Kotkin.

Mr. Turner they intended a 10 foot wall expansion of the cafeteria space in the design. The old "as built" plans did not show they did not use beams. Without the beams it had to be structurally changed; without the change, the capacity is affected.

All Councilor present, including the Chairman, vote unanimously, AYE. Motion passed 6-0-0.

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Deputy Mayor Barry motioned, "PROPOSED CHANGE ORDERS #1 & 2 FOR Clean Harbors totaling \$38,623.37" seconded by Councilor Kotkin.

Mr. Turner explained this pertains to the partially buried tank, which had, in the 1980's been taken off line. The State [then DEP, now DEEP] could not find any record of it, they required the Town do it again. Clean Harbors bid the job, thought it would take a week, found it to be harder than initially thought. The week turned into 32 days they were on site. They submitted a bill more than twice their bid.

Town Manager Bridges stated Clean Harbors did not stop immediately and let the Town know there was a problem. Mr. Turner agreed, while they were on location part of the day for 32 days, it was bid by them as taking a week. They were the low bidder. They submitted a bill which the WHS Building Committee disputed.

The Town reviewed the amount of materials they removed by tonnage and decided it would have taken just 6 additional days and for the additional volume removed.

Councilors asked if they thought it was a fair assessment of the bill and Mr. Turner stated that Clean Harbors had agreed that it was indeed fair.

All Councilor present, including the Chairman, vote unanimously, AYE. Motion passed 6-0-0.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:30 p.m., Councilor Kotkin moved "**TO ADJOURN THE MEETING**" seconded by Councilor Hurley. All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. The motion passed 6-0-0.

Dolores G. Sassano
Town Clerk